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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Oscar B. Pratt Victor S. Bergstrom John B. Young

TOWN CLERK and TREASURER

Phyllis F. Lynbourg

TAX COLLECTOR

James F. Stiles

MODERATOR

Leonard C. Hardwick

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Esther R. Henderson Willis G. Bennett Freda J. Harding

HEALTH OFFICER

Albert W. Leighton

AUDITORS

Donald R. Poppema

Roger S. Leighton

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Oscar B. Pratt Albert H. Brown Clyde S. Gray

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ellen E. Stiles Hattie M. Foss Martha Z. Bennett

LIBRARIAN

Eleanor Smith

FIRE WARDEN

Sumner B. Hayes

DEPUTIES

Alberton H. Berry Oscar B. Pratt George W. Thorne

John D. MacDougall Radford Messenger

ROAD AGENT

Radford Messenger

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Davis Clarke

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Selectmen

SPECIAL POLICE

Edgar E. Burrows Carl S. Brown Harold F. Irving

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLLS OPEN 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

PLEASE NOTE: Articles 2 - will be taken up at 8:00 P.M.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Public Welfare, including Old Age Assistance.

4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$9,000.00 for Class II highway construction on the Province Road — North side of Bow Lake.

5. To see if the Town will accept the Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,240.97 to which the State will contribute \$8,273.11.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

7. To see if the Town will pay an hourly rate of \$2.00 per hour to the Selectmen for their services.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for White Pine Blister Rust control program.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Lakes Region Association.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for observance of Memorial Day.

11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300.00 for maintaining and improving present swimming facilities near Bow Lake Dam.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500.00 for maintenance of Bow Lake Fire Dept.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for operating the Town Library.

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for control and operation of the Town Dump.

15. To see if the Town will have the State Tax Commission make a complete re-appraisal of the land and buildings within the Town and raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To determine if the voters of the Town are in favor of electing the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a three year term. N.H. Laws 1967, Chapter 243.

17. To see if the Town will amend article #10 of the 1968 Town Report of the increase of Highway labor to \$2.00 per hour to include the labor at the Town Dump, Police Work, Health Officer, Election Ballot Clerks and Check List Workers.

18. To see if the Town wishes to exclude Social Security Coverage for services in any class or classes of positions of election officials or election workers for a calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$50.00. R.S.A. 1969 Chapter 101.

19. To hear the report of the Town Conservation Commission and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Town Conservation Fund. If so the N.H. Charitable Trust will contribute \$500.00 to said fund.

20. To see if the Town will accept a sum of \$10,000.-00 from Bernice Hill for a proposed Library Building and to accept other donations and land, and to appoint a Building Committee.

21. To see if the Town will turn over to the Conservation Commission the McCabe Property near Mt. Evans for conservation purposes. R.S.A. 31:18.

22. To hear the report of, and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$881.00 in support of the Rural District Health Council.

23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Dept. a sum of \$1,136.00 for providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Strafford.

24. To see if the Town wishes to create a Capital Reserve Fund for improving Water St. and docking facilities at Bow Lake.

25. To hear the report of the Committee on Bow Lake Docking and Beach and to see the Town's action and appropriation.

26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$600.00 to replace defective Fire Hose.

27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for a typewriter for the use of the Tax Collector.

28. To hear the report of the Sesquicentennial Committee and to advance the sum of \$2,500.00 for Coin Dies, Purchases of Coins, Printing of History Book of Town and other expenses. Profits to be returned to Town Treasury.

29. To see if the Town will allow the Committee to accept a Donation or Fine for any Male Person not wearing either a mustache or a beard on the week of August 16-22, 1970. Receipt requested.

30. To see if the Town will allow the Selectmen to appoint a Building Inspector at a salary of \$100.00 per year and charge a fee for his services at the rate of \$1.00 per Thousand Dollars of Value on improvements, additions and new construction.

31. To see if the Town will grant 2% discount on taxes paid within thirty-five days of mailing of Tax Bills.

32. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

33. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy.

OSCAR B. PRATT
VICTOR S. BERGSTROM
JOHN B. YOUNG
Selectmen of Strafford, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

OSCAR B. PRATT
VICTOR S. BERGSTROM
JOHN B. YOUNG
Selectmen of Strafford, N.H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N.H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures
for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970
Compared with
Estimated and Actual Revenue,
Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1969	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1969	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1970
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,974.02	\$ 3,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	450.00	401.31	400.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,500.00	2,402.57	2,400.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	50.00	14.49	20.00
Class V Maintenance	2,618.76	2,618.76	2,070.51
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	400.00	397.00	400.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	60.00	43.00	40.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	150.00	184.90	150.00
Sesquicentennial			2,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,700.00	10,593.19	10,600.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	500.00	616.00	600.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	56.25	167.00	150.00
(c) Yield Taxes	100.00	730.96	500.00
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 18,585.01	\$ 21,143.20	\$ 22,830.51
*AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES			191,654.29
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TOTAL REVENUES			\$214,484.80

*Total estimated "Revenues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Approp. Previous Year 1969	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1969	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1970
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,209.00	\$ 4,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	1,618.91	2,000.00
Election and Registration			
Expenses	400.00	196.00	500.00
Auto Permits	900.00	854.00	900.00
Expenses Town Hall and			
Other Town Bldgs.	300.00	109.86	700.00
Reappraisal of Property		451.22	500.00
Employees' Retirement and			
Social Security	300.00	406.62	500.00
Cr. Pt. Fire House Approp.	500.00	1,325.69	
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	300.00	129.40	500.00
Fire Department	2,000.00	798.34	1,500.00
Moth Exterm.—			
Blister Rust & Care of Trees	200.00	200.00	200.00
Insurance	400.00	389.00	500.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Dogs	70.00	32.80	70.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	100.00		50.00
Civil Defense	100.00		
Health:			
Rural District Health Council	775.00	775.00	881.00
Health Department	100.00	4.80	50.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	25.00	25.00
Ctr. Barnstead Amb. Service	200.00	200.00	1,136.00
Town Dump and			
Garbage Removal	2,000.00	2,504.54	2,500.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	10,000.00	13,693.20	11,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	12,000.00	16,050.30	11,000.00
Street Lighting	700.00	734.80	750.00
General Expenses of			
Highway Department	3,000.00	4,131.44	4,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,090.75	8,362.44	1,240.97
Libraries	500.00	500.00	700.00

Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,000.00	41.00	100.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	1,109.08	1,000.00
Overseer of Poor	50.00		50.00
Conservation Commission	100.00	100.00	1,000.00
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	100.00	100.00	100.00
Recreation:			
Bow Lake Beach Approp.	300.00	300.00	500.00
Poison Ivy	50.00	50.00	
Public Service Enterprises:			
N.H. Resources Board	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sesquicentennial Advance	100.00	100.00	2,500.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	125.00	125.00	125.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	400.00	826.93	850.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Class V Maintenance	2,618.76	2,618.76	2,070.51
State Aid Construction— Town's Share Class II	6,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00
County Taxes	15,000.00	15,696.45	17,000.00
School Taxes	109,840.37	102,382.55	133,785.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$186,653.13	\$214,484.80

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved		\$2,039,878.00
Buildings		4,142,141.00
Public Utilities—Electric		214,300.00
Stock in Trade of Merchants		7,178.00
Boats & Launches		34,145.00
Neat Stock—Dairy Cows (120)		22,800.00
Poultry (800)		400.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks		1,100.00
Road Building & Construction Machinery		27,301.00
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		\$6,489,243.00
Neatstock Exemptions	\$ 3,000.00	
Poultry Exemptions	400.00	
School Dining Rm., Dormitory & Kitchen Exemptions	150,000.00	
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Total Exemptions Allowed		153,400.00
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Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed		\$6,335,843.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 54,715.51
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,974.02
Savings Bank Tax	401.31
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,402.00
Gas Tax Contra	2,618.76
Forest Fire Reimbursement	14.49
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	218.00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes and Deposits	173.03
Business Licenses, Permits and	
Filing Fees	45.00
Dog Licenses	381.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	166.00
Poll Taxes at \$2.00 (1969	
Warrant) No. 391 + 200	782.00
Surplus	3,500.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 23,175.61
Net Town Appropriations	\$ 31,539.90
Net School Appropriations	105,558.62
County Tax Assessment	15,696.45
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Total of Town, School and County	\$152,794.97
War Service Tax Credits	2,950.00
Overlay	2,651.11
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Property Taxes To Be Raised	\$158,396.08
Taxes To Be Committed To Collector	
Total Property Taxes	\$158,396.08
W/Serv. Tax Credit	2,950.00
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Net Property Taxes	\$155,446.08
1969 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	782.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	166.00
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Total Tax Commitment	\$156,394.08
Tax Rate — Town	\$2.50

War Service Tax Credits

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty			1	\$	600.00
All other qualified persons			47		2,350.00
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Total Number and Amount			48	\$	2,950.00
Public Service Co., Electric					\$205,600.00
N.H. Electric Coop. Inc.					8,700.00
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Total					\$214,300.00
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1969					900
Date 1969 Inventories Were Mailed					885
Number of Inventories Returned in 1969					506

FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dec. 31, 1969

OSCAR B. PRATT
VICTOR S. BERGSTROM
JOHN B. YOUNG
Selectmen

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG
Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of Treasurer	\$ 47,458.07
In hands of Officials, Bank Book #72650	1.00

Capital Reserve Funds:

Special Highway Work and/or for Fire Equipment	10,268.56
Special Acc't, Class II Highway	16,268.56

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1968	678.54
Levy of 1967	445.16
Previous Years	340.64

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1969	16,044.42
Levy of 1968	4.80
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1969	610.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	265.00

Total Assets	\$ 92,384.75
Surplus, December 31, 1968	\$ 11,136.24
Surplus, December 31, 1969	9,596.28

Decrease of Surplus	\$ 1,539.96
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bow Lake Beach Appropriation	\$ 264.65
Civil Defense	356.17
Ctr. Strafford Fire Appropriation	71.91
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of School Tax	55,558.62

State and Town Joint Highway

Construction Accounts:

Unexpended balance in Town Treasury, Class II Highway	16,268.56
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Capital Reserve Funds: 10,268.56

Total Liabilities \$ 82,788.47

Excess of assets over liabilities 9,596.28

\$ 92,384.75

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—

Current Year—1969	\$137,443.94
Poll Taxes—Current Year—1969	616.00
National Bank Stock Taxes—1969	167.00
Yield Taxes—1969	261.16
State Head Taxes @ \$5—1969	1,754.50

Total Current Year's Taxes

collected and remitted	\$140,242.60
Prop. Taxes and Yield Taxes—Prev. Years	11,918.07
Poll Taxes—Previous Years	278.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5—Previous Years	535.00
Interest received on Taxes	184.00
Penalties on State Head Taxes	51.00
Tax sales redeemed	2,644.66

From State:	
For Town Road Aid	7,271.69
For Class V Highway maintenance	2,618.76
Interest and dividends tax	2,974.02
Savings Bank Tax and	
Building and Loan Association Tax	401.31
Fighting forest fires	14.49
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,402.57
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	397.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	43.00
Reimb. for sand	30.00
Abatements	570.97
Reimb. of road material	350.00
Boy Scouts Donation	200.00
Motor vehicle permits (1968—\$202.35)	
(1969—\$10,018.78) (1970—\$372.06)	10,593.19
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation	
of taxes during year	35,000.00
Total Receipts Other than	
Current Revenue	35,000.00
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$218,721.23
Cash on hand January 1, 1969	52,052.26
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Grand Total	\$270,773.49

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,209.00
Town officers' expenses	1,618.91
Election and registration expenses	196.00
Municipal and District Court expenses, autos	854.00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	109.86
Reappraisal of Property	451.22

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	129.40
Cr. Pt. Fire Appropriation	1,325.69
Fire department, including forest fires	798.34
Moth extermination—	
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	200.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	500.00
Dog Permits	32.80
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	389.00

Health:

Health department	4.80
Vital statistics	25.00
Ctr. Barnstead Ambulance	200.00
Town dumps and garbage removal	2,504.54

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	8,362.44
Town Maintenance (Summer—\$13,693.20)	
(Winter—\$16,050.30)	29,743.50
Street lighting	734.80
Gen. Expenses of Highway Dept.	4,131.44

Libraries:	500.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,109.08
Town poor	41.00
Rural District Health Council	775.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veterans' Associations and Old Home Day	100.00
Sesquicentennial Com.	100.00

Recreation:

Bow Lake Beach Appropriation	300.00
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Unclassified:

Conservation Comm.	150.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	125.00
Taxes bought by town	1,567.21
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	754.48
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	406.62

Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	826.93
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**Outlay for New Construction, Equipment
and Permanent Improvements:**

Highways and Bridges—	
State Aid construction, in Bank	6,000.00
Resources Board of N.H.	1.00

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	35,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1969—\$1,884.62)	1,884.62
Payments to State a/c Yield	
Tax Debt Retirement	41.35
Taxes paid to County	15,696.45
Boat Tax to State	33.39
Payments to School Districts—	
1968 Tax	\$ 52,382.55
1969 Tax	50,000.00
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	102,382.55
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	\$223,315.42

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries	750.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	9,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	160,000.00
Equipment	15,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
55A. Land & Bldgs., Hanscom Place, James McCabe	2,200.00
1/3A. Louise Donatilli Land	75.00
3A. Joseph Caverly Lot (Dump)	200.00
11A. No. Strafford School Lot	75.00
10A. Paridine Wood Lot	100.00
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Total	\$204,900.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Oscar B. Pratt, Selectman	\$ 700.00
Victor S. Bergstrom, Selectman	584.00
John B. Young, Selectman	500.00
Oscar B. Pratt, Trustee of Trust Funds	50.00
Donald R. Poppema, Auditor	35.00
Roger S. Leighton, Auditor	35.00
Phyllis F. Lynbourg, Treas. & Town Clerk	575.00
James F. Stiles, Tax Collector	730.00
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Total	\$ 3,209.00

Town Office Expense

Oscar B. Pratt	\$ 47.00
Victor S. Bergstrom	60.00
John B. Young	12.65
James F. Stiles	15.12
Phyllis F. Lynbourg	27.40
Meaders	35.50
Brown & Saltmarsh	53.04
Association of N.H. Assessors	5.00
N.H. Municipal Association	50.00
Bow Lake Market Post Office	2.00
Marjorie Holmes, Property Transfer Cards	158.00
Burroughs Corp.	14.85
Ridings Press	633.50
Post Office, Wm. Lynbourg	177.24
Studley Flowers	10.00
Ins., Foss & Came	189.00
Addressograph Corp.	13.66
Dog Tags, Wheeler & Clark	40.95
N.H. Assoc. of Town Clerks	6.00
N.E. Telephone, Town Office	
Fifield Printing	11.00
N.H. Assoc. of Tax Collectors	5.00
E. H. Quimby, Office Equip.	42.00
Clyde Gray	10.00
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Total	\$ 1,618.91

Election and Registration

Arthur Harding	\$ 18.00
Hattie Foss	18.00
Leonard Hardwick	25.00
Willis G. Bennett	45.00
Esther R. Henderson	45.00
Freida Harding	45.00
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Total	\$ 196.00

Other Payments

Autos, Phyllis F. Lynbourn	\$ 854.00
Town Hall, Tel. Exp.	109.86
Police, Edgar E. Burrows	129.40
Crown Point Fire House, Spec. Approp.	1,325.69
Fire including Forest Fire	798.34
Pine Blister Rust Program	200.00
Strafford Sesquicentennial Com.	100.00
Insurance & Workmen's Compensation, C. Varney	389.00
Health Officer, Albert W. Leighton	4.80
Vital Statistics	25.00
Center Barnstead Ambulance Service	200.00
Town Dump, W. Nelson & R. Messenger	2,504.54
Highways (Summer)	13,693.20
Highways (Winter)	16,050.30
Highways (General Expense)	4,131.44
Town Road Aid	8,362.44
Street Lighting	734.80
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,109.08
Town Poor	41.00
Rural District Health Council	775.00
Memorial Day Observance	100.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept., maintenance	500.00
Bow Lake Beach, maintenance	300.00
Expense of Dog Taxes	32.80
Lakes Region Association	125.00

Taxes Bought by Town	1,567.21
Discount and Abatements	754.48
Social Security	406.62
Head Tax	1,884.62
Interest on Town Loan	826.93
Class II Highway Account, Province Road	6,000.00
Conservation Comm., Poison Ivy	150.00
Temporary Loans	35,000.00
County Tax	15,696.45
Water Resources Board	1.00
State of N.H., Boat Tax	33.39
Strafford School District	102,382.55
Property Appraisal	451.22
Bond & Debt, Yield Tax	41.35
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Total	\$218,291.51
Total Payments, all Categories	\$223,315.42
Balance on Hand	47,458.07
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Grand Total	\$270,773.49

1968 - 1969 School Account

School Appropriation	\$105,558.62
Payments to December 31, 1969	50,000.00
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Balance Due	\$ 55,558.62

Class II Highway Account

1966 Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
1967 Appropriation	3,000.00
1968 Appropriation	3,000.00
1969 Appropriation	6,000.00
Interest to Date	1,268.56
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Total December 31, 1969 \$ 15,268.56
 \$6,000.00 from Capital Reserve Fund
 Transferred to Class II Highway Acct. Jan. 1970.

Capital Reserve Fund

1966 Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
1967 Appropriation	3,000.00
1968 Appropriation	3,000.00
Interest to Date	1,268.56

Total December 31, 1969	\$ 10,268.56
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Highway Account

Radford Messenger, Road Agent
Total Labor Hired and Machines—

Summer	\$ 13,693.20
Winter	16,050.30

General Expenses:

Granite State Minerals	\$ 514.94
Palmer Bituminous	261.07
Merrimack Farmers	81.00
Wm. J. Vickers & Son	472.87
Jordan Milton, cutting edges	151.61
R. C. Hazelton Co., cutting edges	42.94
Frank Fernald, gravel	341.55
Penn Culvert Co.	507.36
Beede Waste Oil	524.00
Chester Bryson, culvert	150.00
Chas. DiPrizzio & Son, bridge mat.	42.85
Douglas Hatch, gravel	52.50
N.H. Bituminous	988.75

Total of Gen. Expense	\$ 4,131.44
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Summer	\$ 13,693.20
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Winter	16,050.30
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General	4,131.44
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	\$ 33,874.94
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Recapitulation

1969 Appropriation for Highways	\$ 25,000.00
State of N.H. Class V Fund	2,618.76
Minuteman Council Boy Scouts	200.00

Total Appropriations	\$ 27,818.76
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Total Payments	33,874.94
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Over Expended	\$ 6,056.18
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Recapitulation of Highway Account

Labor & Machine

Radford Messenger, machine	\$ 22,150.40
Radford Messenger, labor	522.00
Francis Tasker, machine	1,120.00
Jackson Cutter, saw	860.00
Harold Stiles, machine	773.30
James Bunnell, machine	809.00
Alberton Berry, machine	591.30
George Veator, machine	350.20
Harold Irving, labor	340.40
Danny Clark, labor	597.20
Patrick Conroy, labor	410.00
Agada Excavating Co., machine	200.00
Center Barnstead, machine	32.00
Allen Knight, labor	193.60
Gary Knight, labor	228.00
David Fistere, Labor	270.40
Michael Tasker, labor	223.70
Merrimack Farmers Exch., material	72.00

Total	\$ 29,743.50
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Recapitulation of Dump Account

William Nelson, labor	\$ 1,438.50
Radford Messenger, machine	981.90
Clark Thorne, machine	52.00
Frank Fernald, gravel	31.65
Thorne Co., lock	.49

Total	\$ 2,504.54
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1969

Receipts:

1968 Auto Permits	\$ 202.35
1969 Auto Permits	10,018.78
1970 Auto Permits	372.06

Total Auto Permits	\$ 10,593.19
Dog and Kennel Licenses	397.00
Filing Fees	7.00

Total Receipts	\$ 10,997.19
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Remittances to Town Treasurer:

Auto Permits	\$ 10,593.19
Dog and Kennel Licenses	397.00
Filing Fees	7.00

Total Remittances	\$ 10,997.19
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PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG
Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1969

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1969	\$ 52,052.26
Receipts, 1969	218,721.23
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	\$270,773.49

Payments

Payments, 1969	\$223,315.42
Balance, December 31, 1969	47,458.07
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	\$270,773.49

Rochester Savings Bank and Trust Company:

Bank Book No. 72650	\$	1.00
Bank Book No. N595 (Capital Reserve Fund)		
Balance, January 1, 1969	\$	9,690.07
Interest		578.49
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Balance, December 31, 1969	\$	10,268.56
Bank Book No. N596 (Class II, Hi-way Acct.)		
Balance, January 1, 1969	\$	9,690.07
Deposited, 1969 approp.		6,000.00
Interest		578.49
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Balance, December 31, 1969	\$	16,268.56
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PHYLLIS F. LYNBURG
Town Treasurer

TOWN MEETING — MARCH 11, 1969

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, the following action was taken on the Town Warrant on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 1969.

The meeting at the Strafford Elementary School in Strafford was called to order by the Moderator, Judge Leonard C. Hardwick at 10:00 A.M. The polls were declared open for voting on Article 1 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Articles 2 - 24 to be voted on at 8:00 P.M.

Moderator, Judge Leonard C. Hardwick opened the business meeting at 8:00 P.M., by a request for a standing moment of silence in memory of the two Strafford men, David Bell and Verne Kelley, who have paid the supreme sacrifice in Vietnam.

ARTICLE 1. The following officers were elected and took the oath of office before Moderator, Judge Leonard C. Hardwick.

		No. of votes
Selectman for 3 years	John B. Young	111
Town Clerk for 1 year	Phyllis F. Lynbourg	158
Town Treasurer for 1 year	Phyllis F. Lynbourg	156
Town Tax Collector for 1 yr.	James F. Stiles	102
Town Auditor for 2 years	Roger S. Leighton	147
Town Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years	Clyde S. Gray	11
Town Library Trustee for 3 years	Martha Z. Bennett	146
Town Road Agent for 1 year	Radford L. Messenger	143

The following candidates were not elected:

Town Tax Coll. for 3 years	Helen Sims	57
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Total number of votes cast	162
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ARTICLE 2. Oscar Pratt moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,945.00 to defray Town

charges for the ensuing year. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 3. Oscar Pratt moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Public Welfare, including Old Age Assistance. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 4. Albert Leighton moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Class II highway construction on the Province Road — North side of Bow Lake. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5. Albert Leighton moved the Town transfer \$6,000.00 of the Capital Reserve Fund N.H. R.S.A. 35:1 to the Class II highway construction fund of Province Road. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 6. Oscar Pratt moved the Town accept the Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,097.40 to which the State will contribute \$7,271.69. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7. Victor Bergstrom moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for Highways and Bridges. Seconded by Pearl Pratt. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8. Oscar Pratt moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for White Pine Blister Rust control. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 9. Albert Brown moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the Lakes Region Association. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 10. Victor Bergstrom moved the Town increase the hourly rate of highway labor to \$2:00 per hour. Seconded by Wesley Martin. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11. John Bozak moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Poison Ivy control. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 12. Marjorie Foss moved the report of the Conservation Committee be accepted and placed on file. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative. John Bozak moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for use of the Conservation Committee. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13. Oscar Pratt moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for observance of Memorial Day. Seconded by George Holt. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14. Victor Bergstrom moved the Town raise and appropriate an increase of \$100.00 per year to each Selectman. Seconded by Oscar Pratt. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15. Lester Huckins moved the Town raise and appropriate \$300.00 for maintaining and improving present swimming facilities near Bow Lake Dam. Seconded by Arthur Harding. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 16. Roger Leighton moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for maintenance of the Bow Lake Fire Dept. Seconded by Spencer Smith. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17. Albert Leighton moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Dept. for providing ambulance service in our area. Seconded by Oscar Pratt. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 18. Victor Bergstrom moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for operating the Town Library. Seconded by Pearl Pratt. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19. Victor Bergstrom moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for control and operation of the Town Dump. Seconded by Oscar Pratt. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 20. Albert Leighton moved the Town join the Rural District Health Council and raise and appropriate the sum of \$775.00 in support of this organization's Visiting Nurse Services; and that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint two representatives to the Rural District Health Council. Seconded by William Bell. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21. Report by Mr. Edmunds. Mr. Edmunds moved that the temporary committee become the permanent committee and authorize this committee to establish whatever sub committees are deemed necessary. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative. Mr. Edmunds moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for use of Strafford's Sesquicentennial celebration.

ARTICLE 22. Marjorie Foss moved the Town grant a 2% discount on taxes paid within thirty-five days of mailing of tax bills. Seconded by Roger Leighton. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 23. James Foss moved the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Seconded by Victor Bergstrom. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 24. Barbara Whitcher moved the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a committee of three to look into and provide docking facilities at and near Bow Lake Dam beach. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG
Town Clerk

A true copy of record, attest:
Phyllis F. Lynbourg
Town Clerk

Current Year's Levy
Property, Poll & Yield Taxes
Levy of 1969

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$156,072.44	
Poll Taxes	772.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	166.00	
National Bank Stock	1.00	
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Total Warrant		\$157,011.44
Yield Taxes		261.16
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	\$ 190.25	
Poll Taxes	52.00	
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		242.25
Interest Collected		11.87
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Total Debits		\$157,526.72

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$137,443.94	
Poll Taxes	616.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	167.00	
Yield Taxes	261.16	
Interest Collected	11.87	
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		\$138,499.97
Discount Allowed		2,494.83
Abatements:		
Property Taxes		279.50
Uncollected Taxes — as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes		16,044.42
Poll Taxes		208.00
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Total Credits		\$157,526.72

**Previous Year's Levy
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1968**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes—As of Jan. 1, 1969:

Property Taxes	\$ 11,374.02
Added Poll Taxes	40.00
Poll Taxes	234.00
Yield Taxes	506.88
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Total	\$ 12,154.90
Interest Collected During Fiscal	79.05
Year ended Dec. 31, 1969	173.03
Total Debits	\$ 12,406.98

— CR. —

**Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal
Year Ended Dec. 31, 1969:**

Property Taxes	\$ 9,881.06
Poll Taxes	170.00
Yield Taxes	469.80
Interest Collected during year	173.03
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	\$ 10,693.89

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	0.00
Poll Taxes	0.00
Taxes sold to Town:	\$ 1,488.16
Interest	79.05
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1,567.21

Uncollected Taxes—As per Collector's List:

Yield Taxes	\$ 37.08
Property	4.80
Poll Taxes	104.00
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Total Credits	\$ 12,406.98

**Current Year's Levy
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX**

Levy of 1969

— DR. —

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$ 2,200.00
Added Taxes	140.00

Total Commitment	\$ 2,340.00
Penalties Collected	5.50

Total Debits	\$ 2,345.50
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$ 1,730.00
Penalties	5.50

	\$ 1,735.50
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Abatements	0.00
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Uncollected Head Taxes— as per Collector's List:	610.00
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Total Credits	\$ 2,345.50
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**For Previous Year's Levy
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX**

Levy of 1968

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes—

As of Jan. 1, 1969	\$ 680.00
Added Taxes During 1969	120.00
Penalties Collected During 1969	51.00

Total Debits	\$ 851.00
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During 1969:

Head Taxes	\$	535.00
Penalties		51.00

\$ 586.00

Uncollected Head Taxes—

As per Collector's List 265.00

Total Credits \$ 851.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1969

— DR. —

Levy of	1968	1967	Previous Years
a. Taxes sold to town during Current Fiscal Year	\$1,567.21		
b. Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1969		\$1,985.07	\$718.89
Interest collected after sale	5.69	142.67	63.52
Redemption Costs	6.48	8.10	4.86
Total Debits	\$1,579.38	\$2,135.84	\$787.27

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during current year	\$ 843.51	\$1,414.23	\$386.92
Abatements during year		276.45	15.77
Deeded to town during year	57.33		43.94
Unredeemed taxes—at close of year	678.54	445.16	340.64
Total Credits	\$1,579.38	\$2,135.84	\$787.27

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES 1969

On hand, Jan. 1, 1969 \$ 278.97

Received:

Town of Strafford	\$	500.00
Book fines		5.00
Memorial gift books		9.65
Refund from State Treasurer, money on deposit		65.46

N.H. State Library Grant In Aid for reference books (must be used by June 1970)	100.00	
Interest on bank book	8.55	
Gift from Crown Point Grange Youth & Home Economics Comms.	10.00	
Other donation	10.70	
Total		709.36
		<u>\$ 988.33</u>
Expenditures:		
Eleanor Smith, Librarian	\$ 275.00	
Tri-State Gas Co.	32.87	
New Check book	2.50	
New books	188.32	
Transfer of Grange gift to special bank account	10.00	
Total		508.69
On hand, December 31, 1969		<u>\$ 479.64</u>

SPECIAL BANK FUND

On hand (Balance Rochester Trust Co.)		
Jan. 1, 1969	\$	2,532.13
Deposited Grange Gift	\$	10.00
Interest		144.64
Total		154.64
Balance, December 31, 1969	\$	<u>2,686.77</u>

ELLEN E. STILES
Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The purpose of the Town Conservation Commission is to study, promote, develop and make better use of the natural resources of the town.

The following is a summary of the activities of your Commission for the year 1969-1970.

1. The members traveled about the town locating and making an inventory of scenic and historical areas. A written report of lands with historical significance or unusual scenic value was submitted to the N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development, and to the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, as well as being placed on file in the town.

2. The program of eradicating poison ivy in public places was continued. Local Boy Scouts, Troop No. 359, assisted with this project under the direction of Mr. Walter Weidman.

3. Private land owners have been contacted in regard to the possibility of acquiring or leasing portions of their lands for a town or memorial forest. No definite commitments have been made but certain land owners are interested and sympathetic to such a project.

4. The Commission is working to acquire or lease a site or sites suitable for flooding for wetland-wildlife purposes, which in the winter would serve for recreation, namely skating.

5. A study is being made of the status of old roads in the town, that the Commission may be prepared to make recommendations for:

- a. Their proper recreational use.
- b. Access for fire control.

Also to assist in determining the town's authority and responsibility concerning same.

6. Application was made to the Spaulding-Potter Charitable Trust for funds which were to be available

to the Conservation Commissions of a limited number of towns. Our request was granted and a check for \$250.00 has been received. This sum is designated by the Trust to be used specifically for educational and promotional work concerning Conservation.

7. Monthly meetings are held by the Commission. Suggestions from interested citizens would be welcomed.

8. A public meeting is planned for April 13th at the Strafford Elementary School and all town residents are urged to attend.

MARJORIE A. FOSS
ROGER S. LEIGHTON
NEVA L. STILES
DONALD R. POPPEMA
VICTOR S. BERGSTROM
Town Conservation Commission

STRAFFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1820 - 1970

The 150th anniversary of the Town of Strafford will be celebrated during the week of August 16-22. It is hoped that public events scheduled during the anniversary week will be profitable enough to cover the cost of publishing a history of the town.

Members of the Strafford Sesquicentennial Committee have voted to hold the following events during that week:

A week-long carnival with appropriate booths and amusements, a Class C Horse Show, a regatta at Bow Lake, a parade, antique auto rally, auction, flea market, fishing derby, beard growing contest, and many supplementary events.

A special commemorative coin is now being produced and will be available for sale this month. Although the coin is expected to reap a large profit for the committee, a series of fund-raising events will be held between now and the anniversary week. The Bow Lake Camp Owner's Association has authorized the SSC to hold dances at the Bow Lake Grange Hall after each of their major events this summer. Other organizations have agreed to produce prize items and gifts for distribution during the carnival.

The assistance of every citizen of Strafford is required if the town's 150th birthday is to be a success. Those interested in taking part are asked to contact any one of the following officers:

Albert Leighton, first vice chairman; John Bozak, second vice chairman; Davis Clarke, secretary; John Young, treasurer; David Dupee, committeeman, or George Edmunds, chairman.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The 1969 fire season was a quiet one in this area. Frequent rains kept the danger to a minimum and there were few violations. Your Forest Fire Warden's job would be easier if everyone understood the State laws that govern the kindling of outdoor fires. A synopsis of these laws follow:

Fire Permit

A **fire permit** is needed for all outdoor fires in or near woodland anytime the ground is not covered with snow. This includes household waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, garden trash as well as brush burning. Such burning is restricted by regulation to be **prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.**

Exceptions

Commercial or Industrial burning is allowed anytime under normal conditions with permission of the District Chief and a permit from the Fire Warden.

Camp or cooking fires are allowed on your own property with permission of the Fire Warden. On another's property with written permission of the landowner and permission of the Fire Warden. The Warden can forbid such fires if in a hazardous area. Permits for cooking fires in the White Mountain National Forest can be obtained from the Laconia Office or at the Ranger Stations. Permits are not required in public camp or picnic grounds where fireplaces have been built for this purpose.

Penalties

1. For kindling a fire without a permit. Maximum of \$200.00 fine; or imprisonment for not more than 60 days.
2. For kindling a fire by any means wilfully or recklessly that shall endanger woodlands the maximum fine is \$500.00 or one year's imprisonment.

3. For failure to totally extinguish a camp or cooking fire before leaving it the same penalties as in (1) above.
4. For dropping inflammable material in or near woodland maximum fine of \$25.00.

Fire prevention is a personal matter and a good habit. Keep our town free from smokes in 1970.

Fires reported — State	453
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Fires reported — District	25
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Fires reported — Town	0
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SUMNER B. HAYES

Forest Fire Warden

IVAN E. SCRANTON

District Chief

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement

1969

Town of Strafford

Town Funds Expended	\$ 198.94
Cooperative Aid to Town	419.56

Total Expenditures	\$ 618.50
1969 Town Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Town Funds Expended	198.94

Balance Due Town	\$ 1.06
Area Worked	1,131 acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed	19,950

We of the Center Barnstead Fire Department urgently request the Town of Strafford to raise the sum of \$1,136.00. This being your share of the expense (total of \$14,000) for the hiring of two men for the ensuing year to operate our Ambulance during the daytime hours. The rest of the 24 hr. period will still be covered by our Volunteer Firemen without pay.

We will continue to maintain our Ambulance by the voluntary contribution method we have used the past ten years.

The above figure arrived at by using the year young population in the eight towns we serve computed at \$1.29 per person per year.

Respectfully,

RODNEY W. BOYD
Chief

THE PORTSMOUTH REHABILITATION CENTER
Rural District Health Council Program
Period 1 May 1969 - 30 November 1969

Income

Individual Town Per Capita Assessment	\$	6,189.00
N.H. Department Public Health Grant		3,000.00
Accounts Receivable		496.40
Charges	\$	1,320.00
Free		790.00
Accounts Receivable		530.00
Received		496.40
Due		34.60
Income Total	\$	9,685.40

Expense

Payroll Expense	\$	4,314.50
Travel Expense		1,629.36
Other Expense		346.17
Supplies	\$	18.49
Corporation Fee		13.00
Medical Supplies		205.30
Printing		109.40
Expense Total	\$	6,290.03
Excess of Income Over Expense	\$	3,395.37

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1969

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
					Orig. Funds Created	Interest Gain Divi.	Bal. End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1899	Levina H. Young	Town Note	N.H. Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$ 50.93	\$ 50.93
1917	Mary J. Wain	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	461.15	400.00	\$ 23.49	484.64	\$ 75.11	34.20	\$ 40.91
6-13-19	Betsy Welch	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	230.57	200.00	11.74	242.31	17.94		17.94
6-3-21	Nancy Perkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	168.96	100.00	8.60	177.56			
10-2-21	Betsy Hawkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00	5.09	5.09	
11-3-21	Samuel Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank		200.00					
12-25-58	Samuel Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	501.83	200.00	25.56	527.39	50.71	5.09	50.71
11-7-22	Abbie Seavey	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00			
6-6-25	Paul Haynes	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	57.63	50.00	2.94	60.57	13.13		13.13
6-6-25	John Babb	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	115.28	100.00		115.28	17.13	17.13	5.87
6-2-26	Ella Waterhouse	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	200.00	200.00		200.00	10.19	10.19	
6-2-26	Eliza Garfield	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	219.03	150.00		219.03	2.94	5.00	9.11
4-2-27	D. W. Smith	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00		5.09	
4-21-27	Abbie Caverly	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	177.93	100.00	9.06	186.99			
4-21-27	John W. Jewell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	104.64	100.00		104.64	7.49	5.00	7.82
4-2-27	John D. Clark	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	261.65	100.00	13.33	274.98			
9-10-30	Robert L. Foss	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	125.45	100.00	6.39	131.84	42.40		42.40
9-2-33	Herbert Foss	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	200.00	200.00		200.00	19.13	5.00	24.32
8-4-34	Ella F. Holmes	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	5.09	105.09	11.81		11.81

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1969

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
					Orig. Funds Created	Interest Gain Divi.	Bal. End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Amt.	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
12-10-37	Dearborn Caswell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	288.22	200.00	14.68	302.90	27.31	5.09	5.09	27.31
12-10-37	James Walker	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00				
8-12-44	Fred Stanton	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	230.57	200.00	11.74	242.31	17.71		3.00	14.71
9-6-50	Elizabeth Hartwell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	124.26	100.00		124.26	6.54	6.33	5.00	7.87
3-5-50	Llewellyn Ham	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	230.57	200.00	11.74	242.31	30.00			30.00
10-22-50	John Waldron	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	115.28	100.00		115.28	9.56	5.87	5.00	10.43
5-11-55	Waldron & Caswell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	115.28	100.00	5.87	121.15	20.38			20.38
9-9-57	Paul Perkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	274.64	175.00	14.01	288.65				
12-23-58	John Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	250.92	200.00	12.78	263.70	40.12			40.12
8-11-57	Leighton & Winkley	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	370.62	250.00	18.88	389.50				
3-10-66	Webster & Tuttle	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	393.98	375.00	20.07	414.05	25.08		5.00	20.08
				\$6,718.46		\$215.97	\$6,934.43	\$434.49	\$126.24	\$165.81	\$394.92

STRAFFORD SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL BOARD

Robert Dowst, Chairman	Term Expires 1971
Edgar W. Huckins	Term Expires 1972
Mrs. Carolyn Clarke	Term Expires 1970

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ramon Martineau, B.A., M.Ed.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Charles H. Morgan, B.S. in Ed., M.Ed.

TREASURER

Mrs. Esther R. Henderson

MODERATOR

Leonard Hardwick

CLERK

Mrs. Sylvia Dowst

AUDITORS

Roger Leighton	Donald Poppema
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ATTENDANCE OFFICE AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Leonard W. Davis

SCHOOL NURSE

Dorothy Y. Wells, R.N.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 10th day of March 1970, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Auditors, and all other necessary officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 7th day of February 1970.

ROBERT DOWST
CAROLYN CLARK
EDGAR W. HUCKINS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ROBERT DOWST
CAROLYN CLARK
EDGAR W. HUCKINS
School Board

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford
School in said district on the 17th day of March 1970,
at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the follow-
ing subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the
school board and truant officer, and fix the compensa-
tion of any other officers or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, commit-
tees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating
thereto.

3. To choose agents and committees in relation to
any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see what sum of money the district will raise
and appropriate for the support of schools, for the
salaries of school district officials and agents, and for
the payment of statutory obligations of the district.

5. To see if the Strafford School District will vote
to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 dollars for
the support of the Strafford Guidance Clinic for the
ensuing year.

6. To transact any other business that may legally
come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this day
of February 1970.

ROBERT DOWST
CAROLYN CLARK
EDGAR W. HUCKINS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ROBERT DOWST
CAROLYN CLARK
EDGAR W. HUCKINS
School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1968	None
Received from Selectmen	\$103,330.06
Revenue from State Sources	2,788.39
Revenue from Federal Sources	911.16
Received from Tuitions	213.00
Received as Income from Trust Funds	50.63
Received from Cap. Reserve Funds	2,129.00
Received from All Other Sources	15.00
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Total Receipts	109,437.24
Cash on Hand, July 1, 1968	None
Total Receipts	109,437.24
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$109,437.24
Less School Board Orders Paid	99,725.30
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1969	\$ 9,711.94*
July 14, 1969	

ESTHER R. HENDERSON
District Treasurer

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 and find them correct in all respects.

September 11, 1969

DONALD R. POPPEMA
ROGER S. LEIGHTON
Auditors

*Treasurer's Bank Balance	\$ 9,711.94
Received from state after audit	+ 218.46
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	\$ 9,930.40

Dover tuition 1967-68 check not cashed	— 1,820.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 8,110.40

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE
STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the Fiscal Year Beginning
July 1, 1968 and Ending June 30, 1969**

RECEIPTS

Revenue from Local Sources	\$103,382.55
For 1967-68 deficit	+ 3,052.49
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	\$106,382.55

Other Revenue from Local Sources

Gifts & Bequests	\$ 50.63
Other Revenue	15.00
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	65.63

Revenue from State Sources

School Building Aid	\$ 1,545.00
Sweepstakes	1,243.39
Other	218.46
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	3,006.85

Revenue from Federal Sources

School Lunch & Special Milk	911.16
Item 60 Receipts (Reimb. expenditures)	2,342.00

Grand Total Receipts	\$112,708.19
Total Expenditures (see following pages)	— 104,597.79
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Unencumbered balance	\$ 8,110.40

BUILDING FUND SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

Notes or Bonds	\$ 53,500.00
Cash on Hand, July 1, 1968	1,649.40
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Grand Total Receipts	\$ 55,149.40

EXPENDITURES

General Contract	\$ 16,420.50
Architect's Fees	2,000.00
Other Expenditures	455.00
Extra furniture and equipment	
E. H. Quimby — Adding Machine	89.50
Davenhall — Mixer and stand	552.41
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Total Expenditures During Year	\$ 19,517.41
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1969	35,631.99
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Grand Total Expenditures	\$ 55,149.40

DETAILED EXPENDITURES (1968-69)

Administration

Salaries		Totals
Robert Dowst, Chairman	\$ 200.00	
Carolyn Clarke, School Board	200.00	
John Young, School Board	150.00	
Edward Huckins, School Board	50.00	
Leonard Hardwick, Moderator	10.00	
Sylvia Dowst, District Clerk	15.00	
Esther Henderson, Treasurer	200.00	
Donald Poppema, Auditor	10.00	
Roger Leighton, Auditor	10.00	
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	\$	845.00

Contracted Services

Book-keeper, Dorothy Colwell	250.00
Census, Leonard Davis	30.00
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	280.00
Other Expenses	155.25

Instruction**Salaries**

Prin. & 4th Grade, Irene Scribner 6,000.00

Teachers

Grade 1 — Ada Hayes 5,500.00

Grade 2 — Solveig Perreton 5,500.00

Grade 3 — Lillian Critchett 5,500.00

Grades 5 & 6 and Library,
Louise Williams 5,650.00

Grades 7 & 8 — Sarah Huckins 5,500.00

Music — Muriel Ramsdell 380.00

James Martell 346.50

Tutoring — Bernice Omand
John Kelsey 664.00

Substitutes — Linda Hendricks
Esther Drew
Marjorie Mielke 135.00

Extra courses — Scribner & Hayes 27.00

\$ 35,202.50

408.98

Textbooks**Library & Audio Visual**

Ed. T.V. @ 50c/pupil 195.59

Teaching Supplies

1,708.51

Contracted Services

Rinehart Penmanship Service 200.00

Crotched Mt. for Testing 29.50

229.50

Other Expenses

Report Cards 7.59

Attendance Services

Truant Officer, Leonard Davis 25.00

Health Services

School Nurse, Dorothy Wells 846.80

Supplies 15.39

862.19

Pupil Transportation**Contracted Services**

Virgil Scribner 6,172.46

Herbert Scribner 3,895.97

10,068.43

Operation of Plant		
Custodial Salaries		
William Lynbourg, Custodian		2,600.00
Supplies		
Acme Chemical	95.10	
West Chemical Products	68.28	
Arnold T. Clement Co.	137.14	
Lighting Products	82.23	
Others	45.60	
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		428.35
Contracted Services		
		35.20
Heat, James K. Horne		1,173.44
Utilities		
Public Service & N.E. Telephone		1,453.58
Maintenance of Plant		
Repairs to Equipment	131.76	
Contracted Services		
Seymour Bolen, Television Leads	70.00	
Fred Ellis, Septic Tank	173.50	
Edgerly Dame, Electrical	15.00	
Repairs to Building		
Fred Ellis, plumbing	37.00	
Other		
Inspection, Division of Labor	2.00	
Ayers & Jenkins	1.79	
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		431.05
Fixed Charges		
Employee Retirement	895.96	
F.I.C.A. (Social Security)	1,261.44	
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		2,157.40
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond		25.00
Other Expenditures		4.51
School Lunch & Special Milk		
District Contribution	500.00	
Federal Contribution	911.16	
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		1,411.16
Student Body Activities		
Salaries, Hugo Bolen	150.00	
Expenditures		
Collins Variety for Sports Equipment	71.49	
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		221.49

Capital Outlay**Building Addition** — Refer to
Building Fund Summary**Equipment**

W. H. Davenhall, Food Slicer	66.50
3-M Business Products	47.00

113.50

Debt Service

Principal of Debt	5,000.00
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Interest on Debt	2,415.00
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Outgoing Transfer Accounts

Tuition to Other Districts	18,769.90
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Tuition to Public Academies	8,302.54
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District Share of Union Expense	2,651.38
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Tuition to private non-sectarian schools	201.26
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29,925.08

Encumbered tuition, Dover 1967-68	1,820.00
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Total Detailed Expenditures	\$ 99,203.30
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STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET 1970 - 1971

Purpose of Appropriation	Adopted 1968-69	Expended 1968-69	Adopted 1969-70	Proposed 1970-71
Administration				
Salaries	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 845.00
Contracted Services	50.00	280.00	280.00	380.00
Other Expenses	150.00	155.25	150.00	150.00
Instruction				
Salaries	36,300.00	35,202.50	37,698.00	47,350.00
Textbooks	700.00	408.98	500.00	600.00
Library & Audio Visual	200.00	195.59	200.00	390.00
Teaching Supplies	1,400.00	1,708.51	1,400.00	2,160.00
Contracted Services	200.00	229.50		
Other Expenses	100.00	7.59	100.00	100.00
Attendance Services	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Health Services	938.00	862.19	1,350.00	1,350.00
Pupil Transportation	9,500.00	10,068.43	9,500.00	13,497.00
Operation of Plant				
Salaries	2,600.00	2,600.00	3,300.00	3,800.00
Supplies	500.00	428.35	600.00	700.00
Contracted Services		35.20		
Heat	1,300.00	1,173.44	1,300.00	1,700.00
Utilities	1,450.00	1,453.58	1,650.00	1,650.00
Maintenance of Plant	300.00	431.05	500.00	1,910.00
Fixed Charges				
Employee Retirement & F.I.C.A.	3,882.00	2,157.40	2,982.38	3,960.60
Insurance	400.00	25.00	600.00	1,044.00
Other Expenses		4.51		
School Lunch & Milk	1,450.00	1,411.16	1,500.00	1,400.00
Student Body Activities	100.00	221.49	100.00	100.00
Capital Outlay				
Building	See Building Fund Summary			
Equipment	100.00	113.50	150.00	825.00
Debt Service				
Principal of Debt	5,000.00	5,000.00	8,500.00	8,566.76
Interest on Debt	2,415.00	2,415.00	4,880.00	4,301.97
Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State				
Tuition	32,849.00	27,273.70	37,118.00	37,636.00
Supervisory Union	2,651.37	2,651.38	3,441.64	3,793.98
Encumbered Tuition, Dover 1967-68		1,820.00		
Total Expenditures		\$ 99,203.30		
Deficit Appropriation	4,200.00	3,052.49		
Expenditures Item 60		2,342.00		
GRAND TOTALS	\$109,840.37	\$104,597.79	\$118,670.02	\$138,535.31

Revenues and Credits Available to Reduce Local Taxes	Approved Revenues (Tax Commission) 1969-1970	School Board Budget (Estimated) 1970-1971
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 8,110.40	\$
Revenue from State Sources		
Sweepstakes	1,351.01	1,200.00
School Building Aid	2,614.99	2,614.99
Revenue from Federal Sources		
School Lunch & Special Milk	1,000.00	900.00
Local Revenue Except Taxes		
Trust Fund Income	35.00	35.00
Total Revenues & Credits	\$ 13,111.40	\$ 4,749.99
District Assessment to be Raised by Property Taxes	105,558.62	133,785.32
Total Appropriations	\$118,670.02	\$138,535.31

July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969

Lunch Sales—Children	\$ 4,228.93
Lunch Sales—Adults	100.89
Reimbursement	1,230.76
District Appropriation	500.00
Misc. Cash	189.50

Food	\$ 3,922.87
Labor	2,138.00
Equipment	4.45
All Other Expenditures	154.51

Balance, June 30, 1969	\$ 456.83
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OTHER PROGRAM RESOURCES		
USDA Commodities Received		
(Wholesale Value)	\$	995.00

BALANCE SHEET
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1969

Assets:

Cash in Bank	\$	456.83
Accounts Receivable:		
Reimbursement due Program		268.46
Food Inventory, June 30		100.00
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Total Assets	\$	825.29

Liabilities:

Working Capital	\$	825.29
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Total Liabilities and Working Capital	\$	825.29

DOROTHY L. SMITH

**REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

To the School Board and citizens of the Strafford
School District:

Grade	Teacher
1	Mrs. Ada Hayes
2	Mrs. Solveig Perreton
3	Mrs. Lillian M. Critchett
4	Mrs. Irene Scribner, Principal
5 & 6	Mrs. Louise Williams, Librarian
7 & 8	Mrs. Mary E. Higgins

Other Staff Members

Dorothy Y. Wells, R.N.	Nurse-Teacher
Mrs. Winifred Hersey	Teacher-Aide*
Mr. William Lynbourg	Custodian

The enrollments, by grades, of the Center School in September of 1969 were as follows:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Enrollment	27	22	24	17	23	15	25	14	167

Strafford School District tuition pupils attending high schools and approved academies are enrolled as follows:

District or Public Academy	Grade					Tuition	
Where Pupils Attend	9	10	11	12	Total	Rate	
Austin-Cate Academy		2	2	4	8	\$	695.00
Coe-Brown Academy		4			4		695.00
Rochester High (Spaulding)	18	11	9	8	46		495.00
Dover High			1	3	4		800.00**
Concord High			1		1		1,000.00**
Pittsfield High		1			1		633.00
Oyster River Co-op				1	1		695.00
Totals	18	18	13	16	65		

*Federally funded under Title I, ESEA

**The district pays the "state average" of \$695.00

As time passes, there seems to be little diminution in the numbers that public schools are asked to serve. The enrollment in the Strafford school system continues to increase. The enrollment of the Center School has increased by 23 from September of 1968 to September of 1969. The number requiring transportation has increased sufficiently to necessitate a double-run in the Bow Lake Route. It is indeed fortunate that the District was sufficiently far sighted to add rooms to the building. Until the Rochester AREA school becomes operable on the junior high level, the building will continue to be crowded. At the present time it is evident that at least one additional teacher is needed for the coming year. It would appear to be necessary to plan to use a part of the auditorium for a classroom during the coming school year.

It is gratifying to note that the School Board has been working hard to codify its policies. These are especially important as the School Board Policies provide the broad outlines which guide the conduct of the school by the professional staff. The Board is to be commended for its adoption of a new admittance policy for beginning students which is in accord with the outcome of current educational thought, and is based upon sound research. A copy of the policies adopted is available in the school building. The Board members also maintain copies of these policies. When changes are made, publication of the changes is made possible by the courtesies extended by the local representatives of the press.

A venerable and respected member of New Hampshire's corps of dedicated Superintendents recently made some remarks in his valedictory which are worth quoting in part.

Education used to concern itself with the Three R's or what is now called the basics and for the agrarian society of the early days of our country, the ability to read and cipher a bit was adequate . . . Educators, in an attempt to meet the needs of society, changed to "educating the whole child."

It was at this point where we ran into trouble. At first, educational proponents of change had little trouble in selling the new ideas in teaching. We dropped phonics for sight reading, we adopted the so-called new math, we ungraded schools, and made other changes . . . We learned at least one thing and that is there is a great deal of truth in the old adage, "that what is good for the goose is not always good for the gander." We have known right along that all youngsters are not alike, but in too many instances we tried to place them in the same program and while some youngsters profited from their new experiences, an equal number suffered from them . . .

We have, in essence, returned to many of the basics, and are working with the individual child. We have realized the importance of such things as phonics and the ability to cipher a bit. Further, we are doing something about it.

School Management in its issue of January, 1969 indicated that school costs have risen sharply. In its publication of December, 1969, the New Hampshire School Board Association quoted this article, in part, as follows:

Why this sudden spurt? One answer that seems to make a lot of sense is . . . teacher militance. Translated in terms of a "raise," the average teacher in the nation's median school district is receiving a 10.4% wage hike this year, compared to a respectable 6% increase last year, and a good 8% shot in the arm in 1966-67.

The application of the above quotation which might be made here is that Strafford salaries have not increased at the rate indicated. Nor have they increased in terms of nearby districts. It is doubtful if the District can retain good teachers unless it places itself in a much more competitive position in terms of salaries. In New Hampshire, the average beginning salary for teachers starting in 1969 was 5% greater than that offered to veteran teachers in Strafford.

In closing, we would like to express our appreciation for the cooperation received from the citizens, school board, children and staff of the Strafford School District.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON MARTINEAU
Superintendent of Schools
CHARLES H. MORGAN
Assistant Superintendent

SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The health program for the year, 1968-69, was carried out in the usual manner with an annual physical inspection of each student by the nurse. When defects were noted, the appropriate referral and follow-up were made.

The Heaf Test for tuberculosis was offered in each school to the first and second grade students. A total of 324 children were tested, and 4 also received the Mantoux Test.

The students of Epsom, Northwood, and Strafford again received the benefit of preventive dental care through programs sponsored by the N.H. Bureau of Dental Public Health and one or more local organizations. Barrington, Epsom, and Northwood schools also provided corrective dental treatment through The Matching Funds Program.

142 children were registered for first grade at Pre-school Clinics held in April and May. Mrs. Norma Keeler of Epsom again offered her services at these clinics, and her help was greatly appreciated by all.

The ever increasing school population has had its effect on the health program, as well as elsewhere, raising the case load to well over 1,000 students for one nurse. The recommendation of the N.H. State Board of Education is for a maximum case load not to exceed 750 pupils per nurse; and ideally, a full-time nurse for every 350 students.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Martineau, Mr. Morgan, School Board Members, teachers and parents for their cooperation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY Y. WELLS, R.N.
School Nurse

**SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT &
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
1968 - 1969**

(Footnote to School Board's Financial Report of 1968-69
Chapter 243, Section 5, New Hampshire Laws 1953.)

School District	% Local Share	Superintendent	Asst. Superintendent
Barrington	10.69	\$ 1,080.33	\$ 766.02
Epsom	8.88	897.41	636.32
Farmington	22.31	2,254.65	1,598.69
Middleton	2.47	249.62	177.00
Milton	14.69	1,484.57	1,052.66
Northwood	11.81	1,193.52	846.28
Nottingham	6.88	695.29	493.01
Strafford	7.82	790.30	560.37
Wakefield	14.45	1,460.31	1,035.45
Total	100.00	\$ 10,106.00	\$ 7,155.80
Surplus Credited to Districts		894.00	634.20
State of New Hampshire		2,500.00	2,700.00
Total Salary		\$ 13,500.00	\$ 10,500.00

**TENTATIVE
SCHOOL CALENDAR
STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
1970 - 71**

SCHOOL SESSIONS	No. of Days
1. FALL TERM	
Starts Sept. 9, 1970, Closes Dec. 22, 1970	71
2. WINTER TERM	
Starts Jan. 4, 1971, Closes Feb. 12, 1971	30
3. SPRING TERM	
Starts Feb. 22 1971, Closes April 23, 1971	45
4. LAST TERM	
Starts May 3, 1971, Closes June 18, 1971	34
Total Days	180

DAYS OUT

Teachers' Convention	October 16, 1970
Veterans' Day	November 11, 1970
Thanksgiving Recess	November 26-27 1970
Memorial Day	May 31, 1971

ALTERNATIVES

Emergency days can be made up after June 18, 1971, or during the April Vacation.

December 21 and 22 can be taken April 26 and 27 during the April Vacation in lieu of during the Christmas Vacation.

These vacation periods coincide with those of Rochester and Dover and are subject to local deviation as adopted by the local school boards.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

Date of Marriage		Place of Marriage		Name and Surname of Groom and Bride		Res. of Each at time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Names of Parents		By Whom Married
Apr. 19	Pittsfield			Herbert H. Scribner	Strafford	Strafford	Aug. 20, 1942	N. H.	Virgil F. Scribner Irene Harvey	Arlington E. Wry Clergyman	
				Idamay H. Hayes	Strafford	Strafford	Feb.6, 1938	N. H.	Lewis Hanson Beatrice Hall	Pittsfield, N.H.	
May 31	Northwood			Bigelow P. Wood	Nashua		Dec. 27, 1936	N. J.	Robert W. Wood Virginia Bigelow	George W. Carr Justice of Peace	
				Sandra A. Lang	Strafford	Strafford	Sept. 15, 1948	N. H.	Leonard Lang Viva Caverly	Northwood	
June 14	Strafford			Bruce M. Hartley	Eliot, Me.		Mar. 28, 1939	Me.	Ernest Hartley Edith Weld	M. Dean Roth Clergyman	
				Lynda Lynbourn	Strafford	Strafford	Dec. 19, 1944	N. H.	William B. Lynbourn Phyllis Foss	Ctr. Sandwich, N.H.	
July 12	Strafford			Clifford N. Dodson, Jr.	Haging Rock, Ohio		Oct. 9, 1948	M	Clifford Dodson, Sr. Dorothy Flesher	M. Dean Roth Clergyman	
				Linda F. Hastings	Strafford		Jan. 5, 1950	N. H.	William Hastings Esther Howard	Ctr. Sandwich, N.H.	
Sept. 6	Strafford			Richard E. Wiggins	Ctr. Barnstead		Apr. 27, 1945	Fla.	Earl Wiggins Mable Cass	Gordon L. Johnson Minister (J.P.)	
				Lois R. Baldwin	Strafford	Strafford	Dec. 18, 1941	Mass.	Joseph L. Baldwin Louella Cannon	Ctr. Barnstead, N.H.	
Sept. 20	Barrington			James E. Bartlett	Strafford	Strafford	Aug. 10, 1947	N. H.	John H. Bartlett Mary Prosser	Norman J. Simoneau Priest	
				Kathryn A. Harding	Strafford	Strafford	Sept. 16, 1949	Mass.	Arthur Harding, Jr. Freda DesChamp	Dover, N.H.	
Sept. 28	Strafford			William M. Veach	Hanover, Mass.		Jan. 6, 1911	Mass.	Milton Veach Lillian Kusick	Howard B. Higgins Minister	
				Margaret B. Garfield	Hanover, Mass.		Aug. 26, 1919	Mass.	Wright Wells Mildred Ford	Ctr. Strafford, N.H.	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief
 PHYLLIS F. LYNBURG, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1968				
Dec. 19	Dover	Jacqueline P. Hatch	Richard P. Hatch	Charlotte R. Holena
1969				
Mar. 11	Concord	Debra C. Dame	Philip L. Dame	Carolyn A. Gustafson
Mar. 23	Dover	Daniel L. LaPanne	Roger R. LaPanne	Eileen J. Linderman
Mar. 31	Dover	Shawn M. Barry	Michael A. Barry, Jr.	Gail J. Stiles
Apr. 14	Rochester	Eric S. Gustafson	Frank R. Gustafson	Betty A. Weare
Apr. 14	Rochester	Frank R. Gustafson, Jr.	Frank R. Gustafson	Betty A. Weare
June 17	Portsmouth	Christopher J. Bowlen	Kenneth C. Bowlen	Priscilla A. Brown
June 28	Rochester	Thomas J. Cutter	Dan N. Cutter	Christine M. Blossom
June 28	Concord	Rebecca E. Hayes	Richard S. Hayes	Elizabeth A. Marston
July 27	Rochester	Jennifer A. Bozak	John C. Bozak	Christine K. Colburn
Sept. 28	Concord	Tina M. Eaton	Samuel L. Eaton	Charlotte C. Heywood

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 14	Bangor, Me.	Clara B. Hall	78	Me.	Housewife	A. Tracy	Lillian Sawyer
Feb. 5	Worcester, Mass.	Merton Waterhouse	58	N.H.	Overseer	Arthur Waterhouse	Martha Young
Feb. 18	Concord, N.H.	Ralph E. Pickering	71	N.H.	Horse Trainer	Albert Pickering	Nettie Gray
Mar. 5	Concord, N.H.	Lucy M. Berry	84	N.H.	Housewife	John Roles	Laura Dore
Mar. 8	Dover, N.H.	Bernice M. Durgin	78	N.H.	Teacher	Darius C. Durgin	Elizabeth Hoyt
Apr. 5	Epsom, N.H.	Bertha J. Caswell	68	Canada	Antique Dealer	Albert Hodges	Elvira Woodward
Apr. 14	Rochester, N.H.	Eric S. Gustafson	9 hrs.	N.H.		Frank Gustafson	Betty Weare
Apr. 18	Rochester, N.H.	Robert F. Gustafson, Jr.	4 days	N.H.		Frank Gustafson	Betty Weare
May 8	Strafford, N.H.	Wilbur G. Stiles	91	N.H.	Farmer	James H. Stiles	Mary Walker
May 29	Barrington, N.H.	William H. Felker	94	N.H.			
June 25	Strafford, N.H.	Mildred W. Young	73	N.H.	Housewife	John E. Waldron	Inez Bennett
July 23	Strafford, N.H.	Jane C. Evans	96	N.H.	Housewife	Mathew Hale	Jane Caverly
Aug. 1	Rochester, N.H.	George T. Veator	58	Mass.	Truck Driver	George Veator	Catherine Thompson
Aug. 3	Rochester, N.H.	Ernest F. Blodgett	84	Mass.	Carpenter	Fred Blodgett	Serena Draper
Aug. 12	Dover, N.H.	Anna S. Durgin	93	N.H.	Housekeeper	Darius Durgin	Elizabeth Hoyt
Aug. 17	Northwood, N.H.	Amy H. Rogers	90	N.H.	Housewife	John F. Hanson	Elsie Woodman
Sept. 22	Epsom, N.H.	Oscar L. Buffington	69	Vt.	Custodian	Charles Buffington	Annie Matthews
Sept. 26	Rochester, N.H.	Margaret E. Wilson	87	N.Y.	Housekeeper	Thomas Murphy	Adele Delance
Oct. 6	Dover, N.H.	Louise V. Durgin	86	N.H.	Reg. Nurse	Darius Durgin	Elizabeth Hoyt
Nov. 4	Strafford, N.H.	Mildred E. Riel	65	U.S.A.	Tel. Operator	Robert Collin	Mildred Linders
Nov. 29	Rochester, N.H.	Florys E. Smith	79	N.H.	Teacher	Ebenezer Smith	Laura Montgomery
Dec. 2	Rochester, N.H.	Twombly	—			William Twombly	Shirley Brown

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 PHYLLIS F. LYNNBOURG, Town Clerk

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